GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2002
NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT TO PRIMARY EDUCATION .
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of quintals of foodgrains supplied under the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education programme has been misappropriated by the transporters and distributing agencies;

(b) if so, the details of the cases which came to the notice of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the action the Government have initiated against the transporters and officials responsible for such misappropriations?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a), (b) and (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A), (B) & (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.1 RAISED BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA REGARDING NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT TO PRIMARY EDUCATION REPLY ON 26- 02-2002.
(a) and (b): According to the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the period ending March, 2000 on the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, during 1995-98, 1.40 lakh quintals of foodgrains were misappropriated by transporters and distributing agencies in the five States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland & Uttar Pradesh.

(c): The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has stated that the transportation agencies designated for transportation of foodgrains did not deliver the food-grains after lifting due to non payment of transportation charges in time. However, necessary steps were subsequently taken to distribute the foodgrains in the areas meant for the beneficiaries.

The Government of Maharashtra have informed that FIRs have been lodged against the defaulting contractors and in some cases, after completion of the investigation, cases have been filed in the respective courts.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that the cases relating to misappropriation has been referred to the State Vigilance Department for enquiry.

The Government of Assam & Nagaland have informed that they are investigating the matter.